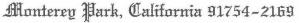


County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Headquarters

4700 Ramona Boulevard





March 14, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH IDENTIX, INCORPORATED, FOR LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBJECT

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations without engaging in a competitive solicitation process for a Sole Source Agreement (Agreement) with Identix, Incorporated (Identix). The proposed Agreement will allow continued maintenance and support services for the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) criminal identification LiveScan fingerprint equipment, which is proprietary to Identix.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2008, your Board approved the third Agreement, Number 76819, with Identix, which expires on November 30, 2012. The Department is in its final extension year of the current Agreement.

In 2005, Los Angeles County (County) purchased 173 new LiveScan devices through the County's Internal Services Department, which are housed in every sheriff's station, police station, criminal booking facility, the Coroner's Office, the District Attorney's Office, Probation offices, and all but two of the courthouses in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed Agreement shall be for a term of two years with an option to extend for two additional one-year periods.

The projected cost of the proposed Agreement is estimated at \$4.8 million, which includes a \$500,000 contingency. This Agreement will be funded in whole by the Remote Access Network Board, which administers LACRIS funds.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

In order to ensure that the Identix equipment continues to operate efficiently and effectively, it must be regularly maintained and supported by Identix. A contingency fund to provide additional software, hardware, and professional services on an asneeded basis will allow equipment to be fully functional and up-to-date for the term of the Agreement.

Identix has advised us that it is the sole provider of support and maintenance services for all criminal identification LiveScan network systems equipment, which are comprised exclusively of proprietary Identix LiveScan devices and software embedded on those devices.

The LiveScan equipment and software can only be maintained by Identix. Identix does not license or authorize maintenance and support of its equipment by third parties.

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will engage in Sole Source negotiations with Identix in two weeks unless otherwise instructed by your Board. Should additional information be requested, your staff may contact Manager Angelo Faiella, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,

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SHERIFF